

Montana Immunization Program Newsletter

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DPHHS Launches Measles-Specific Webpages

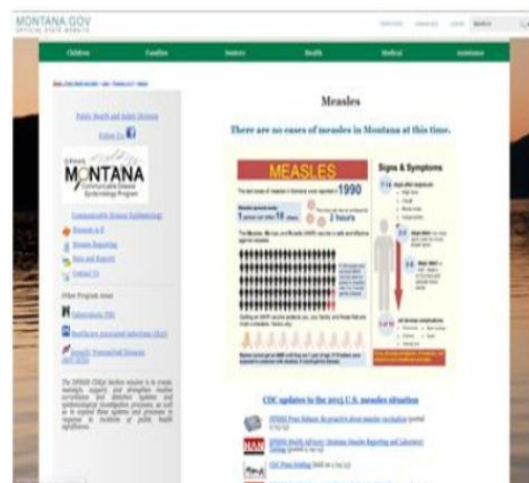
Looking for information or updates on measles disease, vaccination, or the ongoing multi-state outbreak? Check out two new webpages launched in February 2015:

[Montana Immunization Program, Measles Vaccine](#)

Includes general information about the MMR vaccine including the Vaccine Information Statement and Frequently Asked Questions.

[Montana Communicable Disease, Measles](#)

Includes general measles disease



information, updates, health advisories, and guidance for healthcare providers.

2015 Legislative Session Update

There is currently still one Department of Public Health and Human Services sponsored bill that is making its way through the 2015 legislature that have may have an impact on immunization programs:

- **House Bill 158 (HB158)** Revise laws related to school immunization requirements. HB158 passed through the House and Senate Committees and is currently up for vote on the Senate floor. To see full text of this purposed bill, [click here](#). To monitor the progress of HB158 through the legislative process, [click here](#).

House Bill 73 (HB73), which sought to revise IIS (imMTrax) consent requirements from opt-in to opt-out, was unfortunately tabled in committee and is not expected to move forward.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the bills above, please contact the Montana Immunization Program at (406) 444-5580.



Measles- A Forgotten Disease is Back

The next Communicable Disease Control and Prevention Bureau Timely Topics, titled *Measles- A Forgotten Disease*, will be presented by Dr. Randy Nett, Career Epidemiology Field Officer (CEFO). The presentation will describe measles and will include clinical background, epidemiology, laboratory testing, vaccine indications and contraindications, post-exposure prophylaxis, and outbreak response.

The Webinar will be held twice, Tuesday, March 3rd at 9:00 am and Thursday, March 5th at 2:00 pm. [Click here for webinar flyer.](#)

If you have any questions regarding this webinar, please contact the Montana Immunization Program at (406) 444-5580 or hhsiz@mt.gov.

ACIP recommends HPV 9 be included with other HPV vaccines offered

The ACIP met on February 26, 2015 with a shortened agenda due to bad weather in the Atlanta area. One item they discussed was recommendations for the newly licensed *Gardasil 9*.

ACIP voted to recommend that Gardasil 9 be incorporated into the existing schedule for both females and males. There is no preference for use of HPV 9, HPV 4, or HPV 2 (females only). If you do not know the history of what type of HPV vaccine was administered, it is okay to finish the schedule with any HPV vaccine (females) or HPV 4 or HPV 9 (males).

The ACIP did not address the question of those who have already completed the HPV series. That will be discussed at a future ACIP meeting. ACIP recommendations will be official when published in an MMWR. The two webinars listed below will provide more detailed information on the ACIP recommendations.

ACIP passed a VFC Resolution adding HPV 9 to the VFC Program.



CDC will begin negotiating a contract for the purchase of the vaccine. We will keep you posted as to when it will be available to order through the VFC Program. For privately purchased doses, please note that not all insurance plans are reimbursing for HPV 9. Some plans wait until the recommendations are published in the MMWR.

HPV Vaccine Recommendation Update Webinar

Mark your calendars: CDC's Dr. Lauri Markowitz will be presenting on a webinar on Friday, March 6, 2015 from 10:00am to 11:00am (MST) to provide an update on HPV vaccine recommendations. Dr. Markowitz will also provide a review of the HPV vaccine session scheduled for the February 25-26, 2015 meeting of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), when the ACIP is scheduled to vote on use of 9-valent HPV vaccine. You can register for the March 6th webinar at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8406846479119947778>.

Current Issues in Vaccines, Winter 2015 Webinar Series

Registration is now open for the March "Current Updates in Vaccines" webinar presented by Dr. Paul Offit, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. The webinars are supported by the Thomas F. McNair Scott Endowed Research and Lectureship Fund and co-sponsored by the Pennsylvania Chapter, American Academy of

Pediatrics.

Topics for the March 18 event will include:

- The serogroup B meningococcal vaccine: Who should get it?
- The 9-valent HPV vaccine: New recommendations
- Influenza vaccines: An update
- The measles epidemic: A turning point?

The one-hour webinar will be presented live at 10:00 am (MST). It will also be archived for viewing at a later time. Free continuing education credits will be offered, including for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians. Medical credits are administered through the University of Pittsburgh and pharmacy-related credits through Wilkes University.

To register, [click here](#).

2015 Regional Workshops- Registration Now Open.

Great Falls	March 31st	Hampton Inn
Missoula	April 14th	Hilton Garden Inn
Butte	April 15th	Fairmont Hot Springs
Miles City	April 29th	Sleep Inn and Suites
Billings	April 30th	Crowne Plaza

Workshop agenda and online registration can be accessed on our website or via the following links:

[Online Registration](#)

[Agenda](#)

[Memo to Providers](#)



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